

St Paul's Presbyterian Church, Napier.

'Partners in God's Mission of Love'

'We celebrate life in Christ. Join us on the journey'

Sunday 6th October, 2024

10am Thank Service *led by Lynne Arnold*

Music led by Pam Clare

Welcome and Notices:

Call to Worship:

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,
for his steadfast love endures forever.

Give thanks to the God of gods,
for his steadfast love endures forever.

Give thanks to the Lord of lords,
for his steadfast love endures forever.

***Hymn: Sing for God's Glory**

Sing for God's glory that colours the dawn of creation,
racing across the sky, trailing bright clouds of elation;
sun of delight
succeeds the velvet of night,
warming the earth's exultation.

Sing for God's power that shatters the chains that would bind us,
searing the darkness of fear and despair that could blind us,
touching our shame
with love that will not lay blame, reaching out gently to find us.

Sing for God's justice disturbing each easy illusion,
tearing down tyrants and putting our pride to confusion;
lifeblood of right,
resisting evil and slight,
offering freedom's transfusion.

Sing for God's saints who have travelled faith's journey before us,
who in our weariness give us their hope to restore us;
in them we see
the new creation to be,
spirit of love made flesh for us.

Kathy Galloway (b. 1952)

***Hymn: We Labour unto glory**

My God, my God, where e'er I go — glory.
Where I reap and where I sow — glory.
When my hand it grips the thorn — glory
In the still and in the storm — glory.

Chorus:

Oh, we labour unto glory
When heaven and earth are one,
Oh, we labour unto glory
Until God's kingdom comes.

The sun it shines and then goes down — glory.
Rain, it pours and beats the ground — glory.
Dust, it blows and ends my days — glory.
Hearts they burn beneath Your gaze — glory.

My heart, my hands, they're kingdom bound — glory.
Where thorns no longer curse the ground — glory.

Trim the wick and light the flame — glory.

My work, it will not be in vain — glory.

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***Hymn: Come now, O Prince of Peace**

Come now, O Prince of peace,
make us one body;
come, O Lord Jesus,
reconcile your people.

Come now, O God of love,
make us one body;
come, O Lord Jesus,
reconcile your people.

Come now and set us free,
O God, our Saviour;
come, O Lord Jesus,
reconcile all nations.

Come, Hope of unity,
make us one body;
Come, O Lord Jesus,
Reconcile all nations.

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***Hymn: Count your blessings**

1 When upon life's billows you are tempest tossed,

When you are discouraged, thinking all is lost,
Count your many blessings, name them one by one,
And it will surprise you what the Lord hath done.

Refrain:

Count your blessings, name them one by one;
Count your blessings, see what God hath done;
Count your blessings, name them one by one;
Count your many blessings, see what God hath done.

2 Are you ever burdened with a load of care?
Does the cross seem heavy you are called to bear?
Count your many blessings, ev'ry doubt will fly,
And you will be singing as the days go by. *[Refrain]*

3 When you look at others with their lands and gold,
Think that Christ has promised you His wealth untold;
Count your many blessings, money cannot buy
Your reward in heaven, nor your home on high. *[Refrain]*

4 So, amid the conflict, whether great or small,
Do not be discouraged, God is over all;
Count your many blessings, angels will attend,
Help and comfort give you to your journey's end. *[Refrain]*

Baptist Hymnal, 1991

***Hymn: Christ, Be Our Light**

In deepest night, shadows are lifted
Now let your servant go forth in peace
Your Word fulfilled, your promise honoured
Love that will never cease!

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts
Shine through the darkness
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today

With our own eyes, we see salvation
Within our hearts, we are set free
Your Word made flesh, hope of the nations
Light for the world to see!

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts
Shine through the darkness
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today

Christ, be our hope! Christ, be our purpose!
Christ, be our vision, radiant and bright!
Christ, be our Way, shatt'ring our blindness
Gifting us with your sight!

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts
Shine through the darkness
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today
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Songwriter: Bernadette Farrell

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THIS WEEK'S NOTICES

Helping Today

Greeters: Marion Fell & Ella Haigh

Offering: Sylvia Low

Music: Pam Clare

Flowers: Pam Clare

Grounds: Paul Hentschel

Helping next service, 13th October 2024

Greeters: Christine Woodward & Rika Hentschel

Offering: Liz Willis

Bible Reader: Michael Hamilton

Music: Dorothy Finlayson

Flowers: Alison & Bill Hancock

Grounds: Murray & Lynne Arnold

Prayer Focus:

Let us pray for: -

- * Ministry among us: **Bible Readers**
- * Partners in God's Mission of Love: **Napier Family Centre**
- * Partners in the Napier Inner City: **Trinity Methodist**
- * Parishes in our Presbytery: **St Columba's Havelock North**

Induction for Rev Dr Mark Johnston and Rev Dr Carolyn Kelly:

At last, the time has come for St Paul's new ministers to be introduced! **All parishioners** are invited to the Induction this coming **Thursday 10th October, 4pm**. If you have not already done so, please let the office know if you are able to attend. Please bring along a pot-luck fingerfood item. Thank You.

2024 AGM

This year's **AGM** will be held on **Sunday 3rd November**, following the church service. All reports should be submitted to Bridget at the office in the next week or so.

Pantry items for new ministers

We thought it would be nice to contribute to Mark and Carolyn's kitchen. We have started collecting non-perishable pantry items for when they arrive in October. Please bring any items in the next week. A basket is in the Church foyer on each Sunday.

St Paul's Weekly Prayer time

As you may be aware, a weekly prayer group meets on **Thursday mornings at 9am** in the Church to pray about various issues. Our main focus is preparing for the arrival of Mark and Carolyn and the new ministry that will shape St Paul's for the future. All are welcome.

Eco Corner

“It is estimated that one-third of all reef-building corals, a third of all fresh-water molluscs, a third of sharks and rays, a quarter of all mammals, a fifth of all reptiles, and a sixth of all birds are headed toward oblivion.”

Elizabeth Kolbert, The Sixth Extinction: An Unnatural History, 2014.

Bible Readings for Monday 7th October to Saturday 12th October 2024

Monday, October 07, 2024:

Semi-continuous: Psalm 55:1-15; Job 8:1-22; 1 Corinthians 7:1-9;

Complementary: Psalm 112; Deuteronomy 22:13-30; 1 Corinthians 7:1-9;

Tuesday, October 08, 2024:

Semi-continuous: Psalm 55:1-15; Job 11:1-20; 1 Corinthians 7:10-16;

Complementary: Psalm 112; Deuteronomy 24:1-5; 1 Corinthians 7:10-16;

Wednesday, October 09, 2024:

Semi-continuous: Psalm 55:1-15; Job 15:1-35; Matthew 5:27-36;

Complementary: Psalm 112; Jeremiah 3:6-14; Matthew 5:27-36;

Thursday, October 10, 2024:

Semi-continuous: Psalm 22:1-15; Job 17:1-16; Hebrews 3:7-19;

Complementary: Psalm 90:12-17; Deuteronomy 5:1-21; Hebrews 3:7-19;

Friday, October 11, 2024:

Semi-continuous: Psalm 22:1-15; Job 18:1-21; Hebrews 4:1-11;

Complementary: Psalm 90:12-17; Deuteronomy 5:22-33; Hebrews 4:1-11;

Saturday, October 12, 2024:

Semi-continuous: Psalm 22:1-15; Job 20:1-29; Matthew 15:1-9;

Complementary: Psalm 90:12-17; Amos 3:13-4:5; Matthew 15:1-9;